

# A true Copie of his Maiesties License Granted

to James Maxwell Esquire, for the buying and transporting of Calue-skinnes.

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JAMES by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To the Treasurer, Chauncellor, vnder Treasurer, and Barons of our Exchequer. And to all other Our Officers, and Ministers of the same Court. And to all Maiors, Sheriffs, Bayliffes, Constables, Customers, Comptrollers, Searchers, and Keepers of all and every Our Ports, Hauens, Creekes, and Passages. And to all other Our Officers, Ministers, and Subjects whatsoever to whom in this case it shall or may appertaine, Greeting. Whereas we by Our Letters Patents bearing Date at Our Pallace of Westminster the XXVI. day of February, in the VII. year of Our raigne of England, France, and Ireland, for the considerations therein mentioned, haue giuen and granted for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, free Licence, Power, and Authority, vnto Our welbeloued Seruants, *Arthur Bassano, Andrew Bassano, Ieronimo Bassano, Edward Bassano, Scipio Bassano, Antony Bassano, and vnto Danuell Bassano, and William Bassano, and every of them.* That they the said *Arthur Bassano, Andrew Bassano, Ieronimo Bassano, Edward Bassano, Scipio Bassano, Antony Bassano, Danuell Bassano, and William Bassano,* and every of them their, and every of their Assignes by themselves, or by their Deputies, Seruants, or Factors, or any of them being English-men, Denizens, or Strangers, shall or may at their pleasure liberty and free will for and during the terme of 7 yeares, to begin immediately from and after the XXVII. day of August, which then should be in the yeare of Our Lord God 1614. at all times, and from time to time lawfully bargain for, buy and prouide or cause to be bargained for, bought or prouided of any person or persons, and within any City, Towne, Burrough, place or places within this Our Realme and Dominions of England and Walles, so many Dickers of Leather of Calue-skinnes as shall amount in the whole to the number of 6000. Dickers, accounting ten dozen of such Calue-skinnes to every Dicker. And the same so prouided and bought at all and every time and times during the said terme of 7. yeares, before by these Presents granted, in any Ship or Shippes, Vessell or Vessells, Bottom or Bottomes, being of Our said Realme and Dominions, Hoyes, and other Vessells prohibited to crosse the Seas onely excepted, to ship, lade, transport, and carry ouer, or cause to be shipped, laden, transported, or carried ouer from any of the Portes, Hauens, Creekes, or Passages of this Our Realme and Dominions of England and Wales, into any the parts beyond the Seas being, or which at the time of such shipping or transporting shall be in amity with Vs, Our Heires or Successors. And in such proportions, quantity, and number, as to them or any of them shall be thought meete and conuenient, and therefrom time to time at their free will and liberty to vter, sell, distribute, and dispose to their and every of their, best profit commoditie and aduantage, without any danger, forfaiture, losse, penalty, or molestation, against them or any of them, by Vs, Our Heires or Successors, or to Our or their vs, or behoofe to be had leuied, lost, forfeited, or recovered, and without any manner of let, interruption, or disturbance of any other person or persons whatsoever. Any Statute, Proclamation, or restraint thereof, heretofore made to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding. Paying vnto Vs, Our Heires and Successors, for every Dicker of Calue-skinnes which shall happen to be transported by vertue of that Our Licence, five shillings of Lawfull English money, the payment thereof to be from time to time made to the hands of Our Collectors of Our Customs in euery of the said Ports, Hauens, Creekes, or places where any of the said Calue-skins shall be shipped or laden to be transported as aforesaid, as by Our said Letters Patents and other diuers other Grants, Licenses, Prohibitions, and other things therein contained more plainly may appeare.

The Grant.

The Terme of yeares.

The number of Dickers.

The Payment

Knowe yee that we, as well in consideration of the good & faithfull seruice to Vs heretofore done by Our trusty and welbeloued *James Maxwell* Esquire, one of our Gentlemen Vnters dayly Wayters, as for the duties and summes of mony herein referred to be payable to Vs, Our Heires and Successors. Of Our speciall grace, certaine knowledge, and mere motion, haue giuen and granted, and by these Presents for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, doe giue and graunt free Licence, power, and authority vnto the said *James Maxwell*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes. That he the said *James Maxwell*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes, by him or themselves, or by his and their Deputies, Seruants, or Factors, or any of them, being Englishmen, Denizens, or Strangers, shall and may at his and their pleasure libertie and free will, for and during the terme of XXI. yeares, to begin immediately from and after the end, expiration, surrender or other determination, of the said terme of 7 yeares before mentioned to be graunted, at all times, and from time to time lawfully bargain for, buy, and prouide, or cause to be bargained for, bought, or prouided of any person or persons, and within any City, Towne, Burrough, place or places, within this Our Realme and Dominions of England and Wales, to many Dickers of Leather of Calue-skinnes, as shall or may amount in the whole to the number of Eightene thousand Dickers, accounting ten dozen of such Calue-skinnes to every Dicker. And the same so prouided and bought, at all & every time & times during the said termes of XXI. yeares, before by these presents granted, in any Ship or Shippes, Vessell or Vessell, Bottom or Bottomes, being of Our said Realme and Dominions, Hoyes, or other Vessells prohibited, to crosse the Seas onely excepted; to ship, layde, transport, and carry ouer, or cause to be shipped, laden, transported, and carried ouer from or out of any the Portes, Hauens, Creekes, or passages of this Our said Realme and Dominions of England and Wales, into any the parts beyond the Seas being, or which at the time of such shipping, or transporting shall be in amity with Vs, Our Heires or Successors. And in such proportion quantity and number, as to him them or any of them shall be thought meete and conuenient. And therefrom time to time at his and their free will and liberty, to vter sell distribute and dispose to his and their best profit, commodity and aduantage, without any danger, forfaiture, losse, penalty, or molestation against him or them, or any of them, by Vs, Our Heires or Successors, or to Our or their vs, or behoofe, to be had, leuied, lost, forfeited or received: And without any manner of let, interruption or disturbance of any other person or persons whatsoever. Any Statute, Proclamation, or restraint thereof, heretofore made to the contrary thereof notwithstanding: Paying vnto Vs, Our Heires and Successors, for every Dicker of Calue-skinnes which shall be transported by vertue of this Our Licence, five shillings of lawfull English mony, the payment thereof to be from time to time made to the hands of Our Collectors of Our Customs in euery of the said Ports, Hauens, Creekes, or places, where any of the said Calue-skinnes shall be shipped, or laden to be transported as aforesaid.

And wee will, and grant by these Presents for Vs, Our Heires and Successors: That the said *James Maxwell*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes, his and their Deputies, Factors, and Seruants, and none other shall during the said Terme of XXI. yeares by these Presents granted, haue exercise and enjoy, the whole full and sole liberty, Licence, and power of and for transportation of Calue-skinnes out of Our said Realme & Dominions of England and Wales. And therefore we doe for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, straightly charge and commaund all and every person and persons whatsoever, of whatsoever estate, degree, or condition they be: That none of them other then the said *James Maxwell*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes, and his or their Deputies, Factors, and Seruants, during the said Terme of XXI. yeares, before by these Presents granted, shall bring or send, or cause to be brought or sent, or by any manner of meanes or coullor, transport, conuey, or ship out of this our Realme and Dominions of England and Wales, any Calue-skins during the continuance of this Our Graunt and Licence.

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*tion.* And we doe expressly prohibit and forbid all transportation whatsoever of any Calue-skinnes, by any person or persons whatsoever, out of this Realme and Dominions of England and Wales during the said Terme of XXI. yeares, before by these Presents Granted, other then by the said *James Maxwell*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes, his and their Deputies, Factors, or Seruants, vpon paine of such imprisonment, penalty, or forfeiture, as may be lawfully inflicted on them and euery of them for their contempt and disobedience in that behalfe. And for the better finding out of any such conueying, transportation, or coulorable, passing of Calue-skinnes contrary to the effect, and true meaning of this our present License or Graunt, we doe by these Presents strictly charge and commaund all Our Customers, Comptrollers, and Searchers, and all other Our Officers in all Our Ports, Hauens, and Creekes, within Our said Realme and Dominions of England and Wales: That at all times during the said Terme of XXI. yeares, when and as often as they or any of them shall be thereunto willed or required by the said *James Maxwell*, his Executors, Administrators, or Assignes, his or their Deputies, Factors, or Seruants: That they and euery of them shall with all dilligence, and by all lawfull wayes and meanes they can try out and search for all such Calue-skinnes as shall be shipped, imbarcked or laden, to the intent to be carryed or transported out of Our said Realme and Dominions of England and Wales, contrary to the meaning or intent of these our Letters Patents, and to arrest, seise, and carry away, and detain the same as forfeited: The one moiety of all which forfeitures to be to the vse of Vs, Our Heires and Successors, and the other moiety thereof, we do by these Presents giue and Grant to the said *James Maxwell*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes. And further, we will and commaund all Our Customers, Comptrollers of Our Customs, and other the  
*The Charge.* Officers of Vs, Our Heires and Successors, that they doe not onely permit and suffer the said *James Maxwell*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes, his and their Deputies, Factors, and Seruants, quietly and peaceably to prouide, bring, Ship, lade, and transport the said number of 18000. Dickers of Calue-skinnes according to the tenor and true meaning of this Our Licence and Grant, at all times during the said Terme of XXI. yeares by these Presents Granted, and by all the said time to haue and enjoy the full and whole effect and benefit of this Our Licence. But also to forbear by any manner of meanes to trouble or molest him, them, or any of them, for the buying, prouiding, lading, shipping, transporting, or vterring of the Premises or any part thereof as aforesaid.

Willing and commaunding, all Maiors, Sheriffes, Bayliffs, Constables, Customers, Comptrollers, Searchers, and all other Officers of Our said Realme and Dominions of England and Wales, not onely to permit and suffer the said *James Maxwell*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes, his and their Deputies, Factors, and Seruants, to haue take and enjoy the full and whole benefit, commoditie and profit of this Our present License and Grant, but also that they be ayding, helping, & assisting to him and them in the execution thereof, when they shall be thereunto required, during the said Terme by these Presents Granted. To which or to a duplicate thereof we do for Vs, Our Heires and Successors, charge and commaund all Our Officers, Ministers, and Subjects, to giue as much credit, as behooueth to be giuen to a Grant and License vnder Our Great Seale of England: And also to permit and suffer the said *James Maxwell*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes, his and their Deputies, Factors, and Seruants, to enjoy and quietly to vse the whole effect and benefit of this Our Grant and License, without any manner of let, impediment, hinderance, impeachment, vexation, denyall, or contradiction, as you and euery of you will answere the contrary at your vtermost perills. And to the intent we may be certainly informed during the said Terme of XXI. yeares, what number of Calue-skinnes shall be yearely transported and carryed out of this our Realme and Dominions of England and Wales, by vertue of this Our Licence: And at what Portes, Hauens, Creekes, and places, and may be truly answered and satisfied of such Customes and duties as shall be due and ought to be payed vnto Vs, Our Heires and Successors, of and for the same according to the effect and true meaning of these Presents.

Our will and pleasure is, and we doe charge and commaund that Our Collectors, Customers, Comptrollers, and such Our Officers of euery the said Portes, Creekes, Hauens, and places aforesaid, where any of the said Calue-skinnes shall be laden and shipped by vertue of these Presents to whom it shall appertaine from time to time, not onely make perfect and certaine enteries thereof into their Custome-Bookes. But also shall indorse the severall number and quantity of the said Calue-skinnes so to be laden and shipped, either vpon this our License or duplicate thereof, which for that purpose shall be left, with the said Collectors, Customes, Comptrollers, and Officers of the said Portes, Creekes, and Hauens, where such enteries of the said Calue-skinnes shall happen to be made, and shall also yearely in the Terme of Saint *Michael* the Archangell, during the said Terme of XXI. yeares, certifie a true note in writing vnto Our Court of Exchequer at *Westminster*, of all such number of Calue-skinnes, as by vertue or coulor of these Presents shall be there shipped, or laden, to be transported as aforesaid, to the end that the certaine quantity and number of the said Dickers of Calue-skinnes so to be transported, and the time and place of the shipping and transporting thereof may from time to time plainly appeare, as is aforesaid.

*Proviso.* Prouided alwaies, and our will and pleasure is, that the said *James Maxwell*, his Executors, Administrators, and Assignes, nor any of them, their or any of their Assignes, Deputies, Factors, or Seruants, shall not Ship, lade, transport, or carry any Calue-skinnes by vertue or coulor of this Our License, out of the Ports, Hauens, or Creekes of *Chester & Leuerpoole*, or any of them, or out of any Port, Hauens, or Creeke being member of the said Port of *Chester*, during such time as any other Grant for transportation of Calue-skinnes out of any the said Port, Hauens, and Creeke of *Chester*, shall happen to continue and be in force. And this Our License and Grant, nor any thing therein contained, shall not extend, to auoid, preiudice, or impeach any former Grant or License whatsoever heretofore by Vs, or by Our late deare Sister *Queene Elizabeth*, made to any person or persons, bodies politique and corporate, for the transporting or carrying of Calue-skinnes out of this Realme and Dominions of England and Wales, but that they and euery of them may from time to time freely enjoy the benefit of all such former Grants and Licenses so by Vs, or by the said late *Queene Elizabeth* formerly made, & Granted in as ample manner as if these present Letters Patents had neuer bene had or made, any thing before in these Presents mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Although expresse mention of the true yearely value or certainty of the premises or any of them: Or of any other gift or Grant by Vs or any of Our Progenitors or Predecessors to the said *James Maxwell*, before these times made, in these Presents is not made: Or any Statute, Act, ordinance, prouision, Proclamation, or restraint before this time, had, made, set forth, ordained or prouided, or any other thing, matter, or cause whatsoever, to the contrary notwithstanding: In witness whereof We haue caused these Our Letters to be made Patents. Witness Our Selfe at *Westminster* the Twelfth day of *June*, in the Thirteenth year of Our Raigne of England, France, and Ireland, and of Scotland the Eight and Fortieth.

A Copie of the Lord Treasurers Letter directed to Sir *Iohn Wolstenholme* Knight, *Henry Garway*, and *Abraham Iacob*, Esquires, Farmers of his Maiesties Customes.

After my hearty commendations. Whereas the Kings Maiestie by his Highnes Letters Patents, bearing Date the XII. day of *June*, in the XIII. yeare of his Raigne, did Grant vnto *James Maxwell* Esquire, a License for XXI. yeares, from and after the expiration, surrender or other determination of the like License formerly Granted to *Arthur Bassano* and others, (which was determined some yeares agoe) for the said *James Maxwell* by himselfe, his Deputies, Seruants, or Factors, to prouide and buy within the Realme of England and Dominions of Wales, the whole number of Eighteene thousand Dickers of Calue-skinnes, accompting ten dozen to euery Dicker, and the same to Ship, and transport in any Ship or Vessel, in any Ports of England or Dominion aforesaid, (the Ports of *Chester* and *Leuerpoole* onely excepted) paying vnto his Maiestie for euery Dicker shipped as aforesaid, the some of five shillings, the payment whereof to be made to the hands of his Highnes Collectors of Customes and Subsidies, in any Port or Creeke where the same shall be shipped. And withall straightly prohibiting the transportation of any Calue-skinnes, by any other, then the said *James Maxwell*, his Deputies, Factors, and Seruants.

By which said Letters Patents, his Maiestie giueth straight commaund to all his Highnes Officers whatsoeuer, to be ayding and assisting to the said *James Maxwell* in the execution of the premises when they shall be thereunto required. Notwithstanding *Master Maxwell* enformeth me, that some quantities of Calue-skinnes haue bene shipped out of some of the out Portes without any License from, or notice thereof had by himselfe or his Assignes. Now seeing, that not onely his Maiesties Letters Patents aforesaid giue straight charge to the contrary, but also by a Statute in the XVIII. yeare of her late Maiesties Raigne, a penaltie of forfeiture of all Leather shipped without License, and treble the value thereof is imposed vpon the Owners of the same: And further, the like penaltie is set vpon all Customers, Comptrollers, Farmers, and Supervisors of Customs and Subsidies, that shall not be accomptant to his Maiestie for the Custome thereof, besides the forfeiture of the shippes wherein it is shipped, and the Masters and Mariners of the same shippes, to forfeit all their goods, and to haue a yeares imprisonment. These are therefore to pray and require you not onely to giue straight order to all your Deputies in such Ports as *Master Maxwell*, or his Assignes shall nominate vnto you, to see the contents of the said Letters Patents duly effected: but also to signifie this charge hereby giuen by me, to all the Customers, Comptrollers, and Searchers of the severall Ports, that they duly obserue the same vpon paine of the penaltie set by the said Statute, which shall surely be inflicted vpon them if they offend. And for their better direction, *Master Maxwell* will send to euery Custome-house a printed Copie of the said Letters Patents, that euery man whom it shall concerne may take speciall notice thereof: And hereby praying you not to faile, I bid you farewell. From the Court at *Whitehall* this second of February. 1622.

Your Louing Friend.

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